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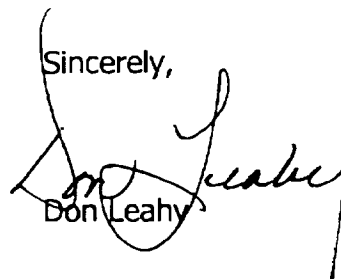
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft and the DOJ have finally reached a settlement in the three-year old antitrust case. I am pleased to see that you have accepted the settlement and are prepared to end this costly and time-consuming case.

Regrettably some special interests would like this case to be continued, and they would like this settlement to be thrown out. Despite the misgivings of special interests this is a good settlement. This agreement will require Microsoft to disclose its top-secret internal interfaces to competitors. Competitors will create better software do better in the marketplace with this provision. Also, the settlement will create a technical oversight committee to make sure that Microsoft complies with the terms of the settlement.

Your steadfast support of the settlement is key to ending this case. I thank you for considering my views on this issue.

Sincerely,


Don Leahy

cc: Senator Harry Reid